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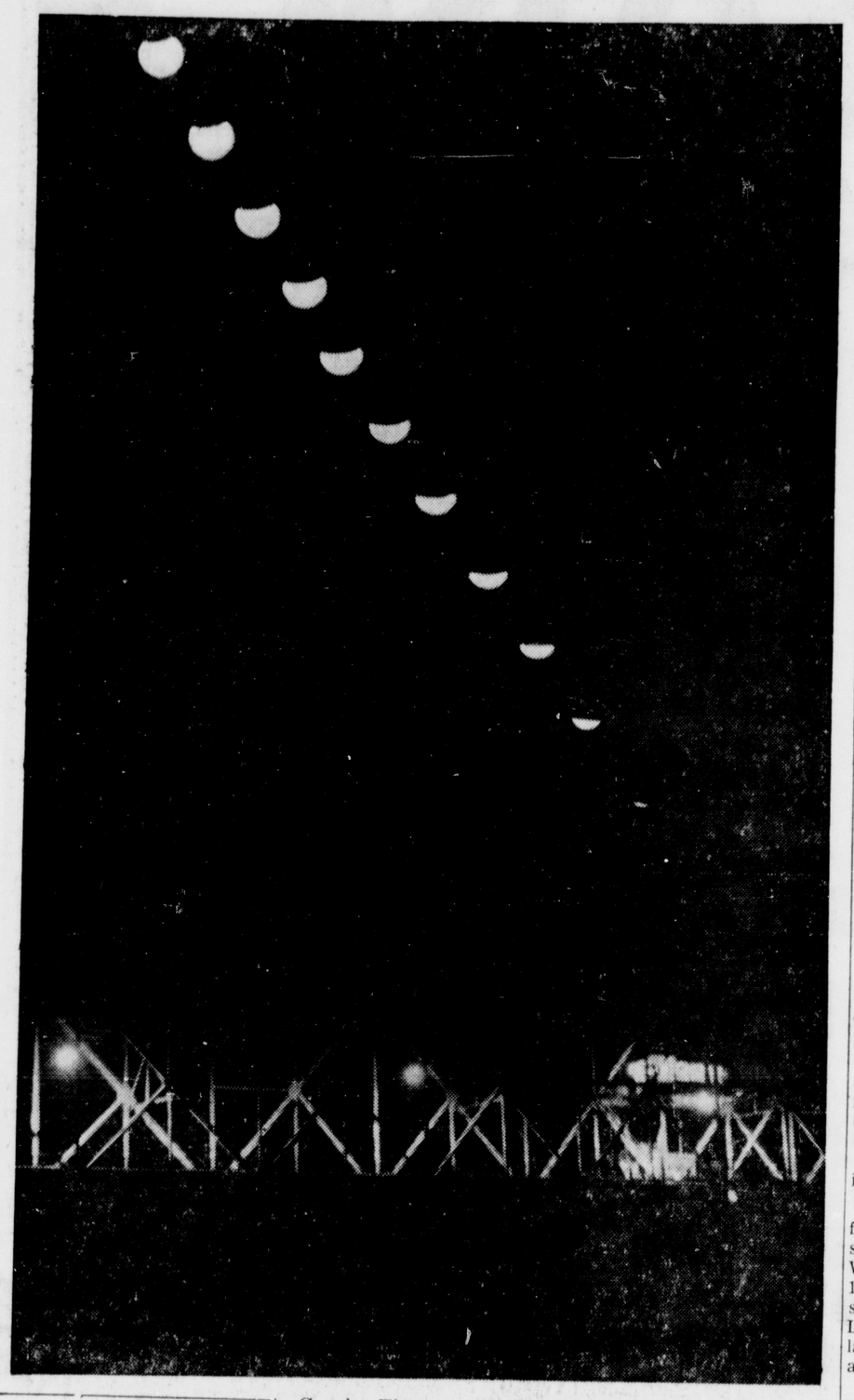

Courier-Times staff photographer, Bob Curtis, got up early this morning to record this full lunar eclipse as seen across the Burlington-Bristol Bridge. The moon started entering the earth's shadow at 4:24 a.m. and was in full eclipse from 5:27 to 6:46. The moon was not completely blacked out, according to astronomers at the Hayden Planetarium who said the reddish light of the earth's shadow replaced the bright sunlight normally reflected by the moon.

GAS FUMES ROUT SIX TWP. FAMILIES

Fire Chief Rescued

Occupants of six homes, including a family of seven, were forced out into sub-freezing weather early yesterday morning by gas fumes from a fire which broke out in a utility room of one of the houses.

Fire broke out shortly after 6 a.m. in the utility room on the first floor at 2415 Liberator St., Bloomsdale Gardens, Bristol Township. John J. Doster, chief of Edgely Fire Co. No. 1, said the blaze was caused by a defective gas meter.

Smelled Smoke

Conley Edwards, 38, owner of the house, had gone to work at Lower Bucks County Hospital at 5:15 a.m. His wife, Dorothy, 37, who was up at the time, said she smelled smoke in the living room. Soon, the entire house became filled with smoke and fumes then spread across the rooftops of five adjoining homes in the row.

Mrs. Edwards aroused her five children and led them to safety outside in the frigid cold. With the thermometer reading 19 degrees, the evacuated youngsters were given refuge in a Levittown-Fairless Hill ambulance until all smoke had been aired out of the house.

Routed From Sleep

The Edwards' youngsters routed from their sleep were Patricia, 12; Albert, eight; Linda Marie, six; Gregory, four, and Karen, five months.

One firefighter, Chief Vincent Latronica of Levittown Fire Co. No. 1, was overcome by the fumes and was administered oxygen by the rescue squad.

Latronica, after going into the house to open windows on the second floor, was unable to find his way out due to the intense smoke. Firemen put up a ladder to the second floor where the chief climbed out a window to safety.

$1,000 damage

Doster estimated damage to the Edwards home at $1,000. He said the utility room was burned out. Flames also damaged the ceiling and the bathroom floor above the utility room.

Edgely Fire Co. and one truck from Levittown No. 2 responded to the alarm at 6:25 a.m.

'Over There . . . Over There . . .'

And they won't be back until sometime late New Year's Day. Going back to the days of World War I, the Greater Bucks County String Band will be attired in doughboy uniforms when it marches in the Philadelphia Mummers parade Wednesday. Presenting a preview (from left) are Francis (Duke) Quigley of Levittown, banjoist; seven-year-old Robert Weller Jr. of Levittown, "Uncle Sam;" James McKnight Sr., Nottingham Village, musical director, and Frank Breslin, Philadelphia, banjoist. (Courier-Times Photo)

Good Evening!

Elderly 1963 just fading away.

This parade of years a bit more fast - stepping than it used to be. We donno. Maybe it's us.

This relentless weatherman and his coldish climatics becoming wearisome by the way. Can't we have just a breather of relief from the icicle skies?

Mr. Y. A. Tittle just never seemed to have a chance yesterday.

Those big Bears smote the Giants when and where it counted and you've got to give 'em credit. They deserved the championship. We deserve to get out of this football crystal - ball gazing business.

That Jacksonville hotel holocaust killing 21 and injuring 61 a sad and tragic sequel to the Gater Bowl classic.

You know, it seems the country has had its share of disaster during the past 12 months. About all we can do is hope the next 12 will be happier.

President Johnson and West German Chancellor Erhard seeking improvement of East-West relations during a conference at the President's Texas ranch. Well sir, a little progress was made during the past year; perhaps the momentum will carry over during the next.

But we might as well face it: We'll be working at this job of lessening global tensions for a generation to come — or more.

By the way — you feeding the birds?

Cold weather bad time for the feathered creatures. Start giving them a handout frequently; you'll be surprised how they show their appreciation of your thoughtfulness.

An insurance agent, trying to collect some bad debts, sent out the following notice: "If you don't pay me what you owe me, I'll tell your other creditors you did."

You get a lot of first-hand knowledge from a second-hand car.

Drive carefully, please.

21 Dead, 60 Hurt

Ruins Combed For Hotel Fire Clues

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (UPI) —Fire marshals, building inspectors and insurance investigators combed the 14-story Roosevelt Hotel today for clues to the cause of a fire that killed 21 persons and injured 60.

Most of the victims were choked by the deadly black smoke that rose from a fire on the first floor and filled the hotel, blocking escape routes.

The hotel was filled to capacity with Gator Bowl football gans, including Miss America who was hospitalized from smoke inhalation.

City Fire Marshal E. C. McDermon said "I have a pretty good idea what the cause was."

(See other story, pictures, Pages 3, 21)

McDermon indicated it would be sometime, however, before the cause was determined with certainty. He refused to estimate how long the investigation would take.

The investigators included representatives of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, the National Fire Protective Association, the Mutual Investigation Bureau and the City Building Department.

A terrified woman leaped or fell to her death from the seventh floor while scores of the hotel's 499 guests were crawling to safety on makeshift ropes of sheets and blankets.

Others were rescued from the roof by helicopters and firemen raised ladders to the lower

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New Year's: Cold, Clear

It's going to be plenty cold New Year's Day.

That's the word from the weatherman who predicts clear skies for the holiday as well as on New Year's Eve for party revelers.

Temperatures aren't expected above the 30-degree mark today, tomorrow or Wednesday as a northwesterly flow of cold Arctic air moves into Bucks County.

The way it looks the month may bow out as the second coldest December ever. The temperature for the month is averaging 29 degrees. The coldest December on record was in 1917 when it averaged 24.9 degrees.

From a morning low of 17 degrees at 9 a.m., the mercury had slowly inched up to 23 by 3 p.m.

This Will Offset Any Hangover

NEW YORK Dec. 30 (UPI) — A New York Eye specialist with an eye on the inner man has come up with a prescription for that New Year's feeling.

Dr. Hebert L. Gould said today that three ounces of champagne and one ounce of cognac make a mixture to offset any hangover.

Gould, president of the Physicians Wine Appreciation Society of New York, a group of gourmet doctors, said, "Cognac serves as a stimulant . . . champagne adds needed tone to the weariest of days and inspires a feeling of gaiety."

Mummers March New Year's Day

Greater Bucks Band Will Strut As 'Fighting 69th'

By SCOOP LEWIS
Courier-Times Staff Writer

The famed "Fighting 69th," legendary U.S. Army division of World War I, will be on the march again New Year's Day.

This time, however, it won't be the original doughboys who fought at Chateau Thierry and Belleau Woods, France, in 1918. It will be the Greater Bucks County String Band — 70 strong — struttin' down Broad St. in Philadelphia's spectacular Mummers Parade.

15th For Weller

When the band steps off from Broad St. and Snyder Ave. about 11 a.m. New Year's Day, it will mark the 15th Mummers Parade for Captain Frank Weller and his Greater Bucks County strummers.

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Last year, the band came back with $1,840 — sixth prize in the string band division. The winning Quaker City band, with 97.25 points, won $2,340. The Greater Bucks band amassed 85.5 points.

Dixie Dan's

In the 1963 parade the Greater Bucks band's theme was "Dixie Dan's Minstrels." The marchers wore pancake brown, Weller noted, and not blackface which this year is causing quite a controversy before the 64th annual parade.

The idea of using the "Fighting 69th," which had the famed Father Donovan as its chaplain, for the 1964 parade theme was conceived last April by Mel Slack of Holmesburg. Slack, who formerly lived on Ravine Lane in Levittown's Red Cedar Hill section, also made the 12-foot high and eight-foot wide headpiece Weller will wear Wednesday.

Weller, who will be marching in his 15th Mummers Parade, and other members of the band have been working the past four months in preparation for New Year's Day.

Long Hours

In addition to the long hours put in by the men and the Ladies Auxiliary, which came through with a $500 check for the band the other day, it will cost $9,400 for the Greater Bucks array to compete against 21 other string bands.

The Greater Bucks band will be next-to-last in the line of march, coming ahead of the Palmyra (N.J.) String Band. Nineteen of the string bands come from Philadelphia. The three out-of-town units automatically draw the last three positions in the line of march. The other out-of-town band is the Garden State array, which will be in front of Greater Bucks.

Others In March

In addition to the string bands, five comic groups and four fancy units will be in the parade vying for $66,500 in prizes. A throng of some 500,000 is expected to watch the 15,000

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Boyer Fires Threat To Sue New Board

Edward B. Boyer, chairman of the Bucks County Commissioners, today threatened to sue next year's board if it refused to sign bonds totaling $2,300,000 to finance the proposed hospital addition to the county home.

Boyer made his statement after Commissioner John J. Bodley said he would not sign the bonds in January after Boyer leaves office.

Bodley was accused by Boyer of "seeking to throw away $1 million or better in taxpayers' money."

Two of the incoming three-

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Lower Bucks Santa: Give-A-Christmas

Anonymous $181 Cash Gift Pushes Campaign Over Top

Yes, Virginia, there's no doubt about it. Santa Claus exists even though in this case he's five days late.

Thursday the Courier-Times ran a story stating that the Give-A-Christmas drive was still $181 short of its $2,500 goal.

Today the $181 came through the mail — in cash — with five cents postage due. There was no name. There was no return address. Enclosed was a note saying, "This money is for the needy families."

Over The Top

Thus the 10th annual Give A - Christmas drive sponsored by the Levittown Kiwanis Club and the Courier - Times is over the top. Today's total is $264.50.

A spokesman for the Kiwanis Club said the money will be used in a continuing effort to help local needy children. He said names of needy families are still being received and each case will be investigated. An attempt to help all cases will be made.

Food Baskets, Gifts

Through the drive, many needy families in Lower Bucks were able to enjoy Christmas. Food baskets and gifts certificates for clothing were distributed

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An Unusual High School

Should an unwed mother attend high school while she is expecting?

In Washington, D.C., authorities believe she should.

A story on the unusual high school they have opened for these unfortunate girls and the controversy it has raised, appears on today's feature page, Page 7.

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'Deceiving Public' Charged In Twp. Sewer Operation

41 Visiting Children To Leave Bucks

The joint orphan committee of Levittown American Legion Post 960 and Falls Township Post 834 has requested the 41 children from the Scotland School to meet them at noon, New Year's Day on the Emilie Methodist Church grounds, Newportville Road, Levittown.

The youngsters will board the church bus for the trip back to the school, located near Chambersburg, Pa.

Co-chairman John Campbell and Edward Boltersdorf said Legionnaires will accompany the bus in station wagons so none of the gifts will be left behind.

Goldwater To Make Decision

WASHINGTON, (UPI) — Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz., today asked Arizona republican leaders to meet with him in Phoenix, Ariz., "to hear my decision regarding 1964."

He set the meeting for Jan. 3, 1964.

Canal Surplus Tools Stolen

The owner of the Canal Surplus Co., Route 13 and Green Lane, Bristol Township, yesterday reported the theft of a quarter inch drill valued at $35 and an eight inch power saw valued at $94.

The complaint was filed by Anton Konefel of 45 Stoney-Drive, Levittown, owner of the company.

Bristol Township police said they found no forcible entry but that thieves could have gotten inside the fence through a gate.

The Bristol Township Detective Division is continuing the investigation.

Board Won't Collect Fee

Middletown tax collector Robert H. Saunders said today that per capita taxes unpaid by Jan. 31, 1964, will be collected by the school board's appointed delinquent tax collector.

It was reported that delinquent residents would be charged a fee by the school board. The school board's collector will charge a fee for every collection.

Births

Lower Bucks County Hospital

Dec. 25

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kudzinowski, 523 Parkway Drive, Fairless Hills, girl.

Dec. 26

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Whitley, 67 Emeral Lane, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Marino 215 Washington St., Bristol, boy.

Dec. 27

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Del Greco 806 Glenmar Road, Fairless Hills, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dahl, 43 B. Alsam Road, Levittown, boy.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Powers, 2nd St. Pike, Box 489, Richboro, Pa. boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Singleton, 1200 Court J, Terrace No. 2 Bristol, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ritchey 29 Misty Pine Road, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pisanick, 222 Clover Ave., Croydon, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Hirsch, 24 Peartree Lane, Levittown, N. J., girl.

Dec. 28

Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGuckin, 280 Magnolia Drive, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Harley, 612 Austin Drive, Fairless Hills, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. William Riddle, 16 Nearwood Lane, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Ramus, 1407 State Road, Croydon, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Laudeman, Manor Lake Drive, R.D. 1, Morrisville, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Henton Constant 67 Nature Lane, Levittown, boy

Dec. 29

Mr. and Mrs. David Thier, 36 Heartwood Road, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Johnson, 728 Court D Terrace, Bristol, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oostdyk, 2 Dewberry Lane, Levittown, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dunn, 75 Mill Drive, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. David Simpson, 341 Berkshire Road, Fairless Hills, girl.

Juvenile Court To Handle Killing

MAUREEN M. DRUMMY

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. (UPI) —Two judges and the couny prosecutor decided today to let juvenile authorities handle the case of a teen-ager police said stabbed an 18-year-old girl to death and set her body afire in an incinerator.

Burlington County Judges Alexander C. Wood, III, and Thomas McGann met for an hour today with Prosecutor Martin Queenan to set a course of action to take against Thomas Busby Jr., 15.

Palmyra police said Busby admitted to them and to his father that he killed Maureen Drummy, a pretty amateur artist, Friday night, but gave no reason for the slaying.

Queenan said, following his meeting with the judges, that the case would be handled as a juvenile, rather than criminal, matter.

A coroner's report Sunday showed the girl had been stabbed 25 times with a four-inch hunting knife before her body was stuffed in an incinerator at the back of the boy's home and set on fire with gasoline.

Burlington County Detective Harry McConnell said the boy has had no visitors since he was confined in Burlington County Jail Saturday night.

His jailers said he had not mentioned the girl's death and did not appear to be upset.

McConnell said he would meet with representatives of the county prosecutor's office, juvenile authorities and judges to decide the legal procedure against Busby.

Burlington County Coroner Harvey H. Brown's report said Miss Drummy died about 9:30 Friday night "from hemmorrhage due to lacerations of the heart, lung and liver." He said she had third degree burns over 90 per cent of her body.

The report said there was no evidence she had been raped.

Miss Drummy's parents reported her missing about 1 a.m. Saturday. Police had no idea the girl was dead until they received a call from Busby's father, Thomas Sr.

"I think the missing girl is out back in the incinerator," he told them.

Found Charred Body

Officers found the charred body of the girl in a 55-gallon incinerator can near the back door of the Busby home.

Palmyra Police Chief Payton I. Flournoy said the boy readily admitted stabbing the girl in the second floor hallway of his home at 621 Garfield Ave., while the rest of the family was out.

Flournoy said the boy then went into the yard, rolled out the incinerator can, dumped the girl in head first, poured gasoline over her and set her afire.

He then put his bloody shirt and the girl's pocketbook in a trash truck parked nearby, police said.

The Busby and Drummy families both lived in this quiet, suburban community of 6,000 in South Jersey and were close friends.

The boy's mother and sister, Helen, 17, a girlfriend of the dead girl, were shopping when the stabbing took place. His father was working in his auto repair shop in nearby Cinnaminson Township.

Called "Good Boy"

A next door neighbor of the Busbys, Mrs. Eugene Frazer, said "Tommy was always such a good boy. Whenever he saw Mr. Frazer or myself he always went out of his way to say good morning or good evening.

"If I had an armload of packages, he would help me with them and when my husband was shoveling the walk he would always offer to help. He was more polite than the other boys.

The boy's teacher at Palmyra High School, Thomas F. Cardea, described him as "a very quiet lad."

Busby's closest friend, Jim Furrer, 15, said "He wasn't the most popular type, but nobody disliked him. He didn't go out with girls much at all."

Miss Drummy of 319 Vansant Drive, was working for the U.S. Guarantee and Fidelity Co. in Philadelphia, trying to earn enough money to enter art school. She graduated from Nazareth Girls High School in Philadelphia last June.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Drummy; a brother, Michael, and one sister, Eileen, both at home; and an aunt, Mother Mary Gabriella, S.S.J., Sacred Heart Convent, Bistop Egan High School, Levittown, Pa.

Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Falls Names CD Aides

New appointments were recently made to posts in the Falls Township Civil Defense by George Hartline, director.

Stephen J. Bullen, training and education officer, was appointed deputy director for public relations, shelter coordination and information and education.

Robert F. Chase, assistant communications officer, was appointed shelter control communications officer.

Mrs. Ruth Matt was designation deputy director for operations and logistics.

Hartline, at a recent meeting, requested division and section officers to review present equipment and requisition needed items for the coming year.

50 Compete In Derby

The Fifth annual LPRA Train Derby which was conducted Saturday at the LPRA Community Hall, attracted 50 children between the ages 7 and 15.

The event is co-sponsored each year by the LPRA and the Levittown Lions Club. The Lions Club donated trophies to the first and second place winners in each event and classification.

American Flyers

"This was the first year that we were able to accommodate children with American Flyer trains," said Chick Rogers, LPRA program supervisor. The American Flyer track was donated this year by the A.C. Gilbert Co. of New Haven, Conn.

"We are extremely pleased with the response to this year's derby," Rogers added. "Approximately 20 more children competed this year than in previous years, and we hope to expand even further next year to include 'HO' model trains," he said.

Trophy Winners

This years trophy winners included Tom Barlow, Bill Sharp, Bill Wilson, Steve Hepding, David Cooper, James Fisher, George Messinger, Jack Sagen, Steve Burke, Richard Dash, Donald Russell, Bob Matthews, David Holcombe and Daniel Holcombe, all first place winners.

Second place winners included Arnold Barlow, Bonnie Mimm, Francis Osborn, Richard Costello, Jan Holcombe, Joseph Burke, Gene Martin, John Fisher, Mike Burke, Bobby Capese, Bruce Matthews and Jeffrey Bussell.

Boyer Fires Threat To Sue New Board

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member board must sign the bond. The two new members are Joseph O. Canby (R) and Walter S. Farley Jr. (D).

Boyer aid that Bodley would be throwing away $670,000 in federal funds in addition to a $134,000 architect's fee and at least $200,000 in profits "which the contractors are entitled to."

Last week Boyer along with Adolph A. Andrews awarded $2,346,548 in contracts over Bodley's objections.

Today Boyer said, "They (the incoming board) can't touch anything we've done so far."

Bodley Opposed

Bodley, who is expected to chair next year's board, has been opposed to the 240-bed, $2,920,000 facility in favor of a more modest $1 million structure.

After today's commissioners meeting, Bodley indicated that he would sign the bonds "only if directed by the court."

Bucks County Court has before it a taxpayers' suit to halt construction of the new wing. Judge Lawrence A. Monroe is expected to make a decision within the next few weeks.

Bids Friday

Boyer has scheduled a special meeting Friday, when bids will be opened on the hospital bonds.

Bodley said he would boycott the meeting because "it would be a waste of everybody's time." He said the fact that the matter is in court would discourage many from bidding. Boyer and Andrews, he said, are acting against the advice of the board's financial adviser.

By a 2-1 vote this morning the commissioners elected to pay $84,500 to the architect of the controversial Neshaminy Manor wing. The sum is the balance of the architect's fee.

By 2-1 Vote

The action was taken by Boyer and Andrews over the objection of Bodley.

"I think the architect can wait," Bodley said today. "Besides, where's his bill?"

"The bill is in the controller's office," Boyer told Bodley impatiently, "You can talk all you want after the meeting."

Earlier, William Frick, budget director, reported a year-end surplus of $70,348.78 in the county treasury.

Afflerbach Resigns

In other business this morning, Boyer and Andrews accepted the resignation of C. V. Afflerback as chairman of the Bucks County Urban Redevelopment Authority, and appointed Leroy D. Evans to succeed him.

Evans is already a member of the authority and had another year to serve. In his new appointment, he will fill Afflerback's unexpired term of four years.

The move was apparently made to prevent Bodley from firing Evans when his one-year term would expire next year. Bodley opposed Evans' appointment.

Boyer anr Andrews appointed John Rodgers, Bristol borough councilman, to fill Evans' unexpired term. Bodley was also opposed to this move.

Miss America Says 'Didn't Think I'd Get Out Alive

Twenty-one-year-old Miss America, Donna Axum, smilingly receives a kiss from Bill Fielden who rescued her from her room at the Roosevelt Hotel. (UPI Telephoto)

Ignored Ringing Of Telephone

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (UPI) —Miss America of 1964 her honey-brown hair covered with grime and her eyes reddened, said it with stark simplicity: "I didn't think that we would get out of there alive."

Clad in a white hospital gown and sitting in a wheelchair, beautiful Donna Axum, told newsmen how she was rescued from the Roosevelt Hotel after spending more than an hour in a smoke-filled room on the 10th floor Sunday.

She met with newsmen only a few hours after her ordeal.

"The first thing I heard this morning was the telephone ringing in the living room of our suite," said the 21-year-old University of Arkansas student from El Dorado, Ark.

"We just thought it was the telephone operator trying to wake us early, so we ignored it. But then I heard the sirens and smelled the smoke."

Forced Back To Room

Miss Axum said she woke her chaperone, Miss Lucille Previtti of Lynwood, N.J., and they donned bathrobes and slippers and tried to enter the hall.

"The smoke in the hall was terrible so we went back into our room," Miss America said.

"We tried to stay at the window but Lucille passed out and dropped to the floor," she continued. "I could tell she was still breathing so I didn't worry about her. . ."

Miss Axum said she was able to carry on a shouting conversation with Bill Cashman, the man in charge of her Gator Bowl appearance, as he stood in the street below.

Asked what she said to him, Miss America smiled and answered: "Come get me."

Miss Axum said that after she and Miss Previtti had been in the room an hour William Fielden Jr., 19, son of the public relations man from Miami who has been handling her Florida appearance, kicked down her door.

Fielden then carried the two women across the hall to the room where he, his father and brother were staying.

"I didn't know who it was at first," Miss Axum said, "but I recognized him after he came into the room. After I saw Bill I just knew everything was going to be all right."

The elder Fielden said there was little smoke in his room and that they waited there quietly until two firemen came and led them down 10 flights of stairs and out of the hotel.

Doctors said they would keep her at the hospital until this morning. After her release she is to go to Miami to take part in the Orange Bowl Parade on New Year's Day.

Doctors said her condition was excellent and they do not expect her to experience any ill effects from the heavy smoke.

Christmas

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by members of the Kiwanis Club.

Today's contributions:

Anonymous	$181
Joe Swiderek and Lou Alexander	10
Willard S. Curtin	10
Bell Telephone employes, Windsor Central Office	10
Joe Venturino	1.50
Anonymous	2
Jars placed in local stores (estimated)	50

Girl Is Born Outside Hospital

Elizabeth Jean Simpson, a 5-pound 12-ounce girl, was born yesterday morning — outside Lower Bucks County Hospital.

Her father, David W. Simpson of 341 Berkshire Road, Fairless Hills, brought his wife, Thelma, to the hospital, but didn't get there in time to take her inside.

Their daughter was delivered in the car outside the emergency room door by Mrs. Faith Mullen, R.N. A doctor came a few minutes later and reported mother and daughter were doing fine.

Simpson, who works at U.S. Steel Corporation, did not assist because "I was in a state of shock for quite a while."

The Simpsons have two other daughters, Debbie, 8, and Joann, 6.

Elizabeth Jean was born at 8:45 o'clock.

Hotel Fire

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floors of the 50-year-old building to bring others to safety.

Authorities said that apparently all of the victims except the woman who plummeted from the seventh floor were killed by the choking smoke that curled up elevator shafts, stairwells, air ducts and even loose pipe fittings, making some exits impassable.

Fire Didn't Spread

The fire, which broke out at 7:45 a.m. EST, collapsed the first floor but the flames could not spread because the brick structure was fire-proofed.

Miss America, Donna Axum, was trapped in her 10th floor room for an hour before she managed to escape. She held a news conference in a hospital to announce she was unharmed shortly after fleeing the building clad in a fur coat over pajamas.

Bright orange Navy helicopters, battling updrafts from the heat, hovered over the roof and took off injured persons.

Of the 60 persons taken to hospitals, 19 were admitted.

Screams pierced the air and a policeman with a megaphone stood in the street urging guests not to jump from the windows.

Crawled Through Halls

Guests crawled through the halls and hid in bathrooms, but many of them suffocated in the murky smoke.

"It was awful," said a survivor. "The worst thing you could imagine. One man found a way out and didn't come back to tell anyone."

Firemen rescued the Manhattan College basketball team, here for the Gator Bowl basketball tournament, from the fourth floor windows. The University of Florida basketball team, also housed in the Roosevelt, escaped unharmed.

Most of the dead were found above the seventh floor. The smoke was thickest in the upper rooms.

Hundreds of dazed survivors wandered the streets around the hotel clad in night clothes and, in some cases, only towels.

The Gator Bowl football teams—North Carolina and the Air Force Academy — were quartered in other hotels nearby, as were other basketball teams here for the Gator Bowl basketball tournament.

Authority Will Handle The Bills

By SCOOP LEWIS
Courier-Times Staff Writer

Two Bristol Township commissioners have charged the Republican majority of the board with "deceiving the public" in the operation of the township's $8,500,000 sewer project.

The accusations were leveled by Commissioners Leonard B. Sokolove and James N. Kline following the board's turning over the operation and maintenance of the sewer system to the seven-man township authority.

The board, by a 7-3 vote, approved a resolution Friday night giving the authority control over the sewer system which already is in operation in Green Lynne, Newportville and Fergusonville. Commissioners Sokolove, Kline and Jack Ward dissented.

From Authority

Harry W. Fawkes, president of the Republican - controlled board, explained that the board's action means that sewer bills will be sent from the Bristol Township Authority instead of from the township municipal building.

William J. Carlin, township solicitor, said the resolution adopted Friday is "merely an employment contract." He explained the township "will still be landlord and will have control of the operation."

Sokolove argued that the sewer project was to have been a lease-back deal and that actual operation of the system would be by the board of commissioners. "We have deceived the people of the township," Sokolove charged, "and you're endangering the financial condition of the township."

Kline, in a direct charge at Fawkes, said "let's face the facts. Let's tell the public you're doing this because you're losing control of the board." To this, Fawkes told Kline: "you're half correct."

Kline declared that despite remarks by Fawkes and the other Republicans, "the authority is going to operate and maintain this system." He told Fawkes "you're betraying the public."

"Look To Board"

Sokolove contended that the township will still have the obligation to pay for the sewer system "and at the same time, we'll let the authority run the plant." He said "the people look to the board of commissioners to run the township, not the authority."

Installation of main lines on the township's main sewer project is expected to be completed by March of April. The work is being done by George Tripp, Inc., of Pontiac, Mich. Costing $7,270,000, the project will provide sanitary sewer facilities for more than 5,100 homes in several sectors of the lower end of the township, including Croydon.

The addition to the sewage system, taking in Edgely and Landreth Manor, is being done by Alconn Utilities of Verona, N.J. The $1,272,000 job is expected to be completed next September or October.

Typewriter, Machines Stolen

The Chelsea Title and Abstract Co., Route 13 at the Levittown Parkway, Tullytown, was burglarized over the weekend of an IBM typewriter and two adding machines.

The typewriter was valued at $528.68 and the adding machines at $210.

The entry was discovered this morning at 8:30.

Tullytown police said the burglars entered by breaking a rear window.

Officer Steve Parto is investigating.

Weather

CLEARING, COLDER

FORECAST: Fair and cold today and tonight; high today about 25, low tonight. 15. Tomorrow, some cloudiness and continued cold, high about 30. Wednesday, fair and colder, high 25-30.

High yesterday: 31.
Low yesterday: 19.
Low this morning: 17.

Sunset tonight: 4:42 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:22 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow: 4:43 p.m.

'Trainmen' Pose With Trophies

Holding trophies are some of the winners in Saturday's fifth annual Train Derby, sponsored by the Levittown Lions and the Levittown Public Recreation Association. In the front row (from left) are Mike Burke, Steve Burke, Bruce Matthews, Dan Holcombe, Jeffrey Bussell and Donnie Bussell. Behind them (from left) are Charles Benhayon, John Fisher, Gene Martin, Bob Matthews, George Mersinger and David Holcombe. In the last row are (from left) Chick Rogers of the LPRA and Lions Chuck Benhayon, chairman of the boys' and girls' committee; John Osborn and Joe Klein, committee members. (Courier-Times Photo)

Aids Morrisville Woman

A Mother Remembers Tragedy 20 Years Ago

A Morrisville mother whose eight-year-old son drowned in Tullytown 20 years ago, said today she sympathized and contributed $10 to another Morrisville woman whose son was killed by car shortly before Christmas.

Mrs. Louis Cutchineal of 159 Hillcrest Ave. said, "I know what it's like for your boy to be taken away. I hope some others will wake up and assist this woman."

Struck By Car

She was referring to Mrs. Dorothy Martin, 33, of 33 W. Philadelphia Ave., who recently lost one son and another son was injued when struck by the same car.

James Martin, 7, was killed and his brother, Frank, 6, was hospitalized when they were struck by a car Dec. 19 while returning from a local store to buy Scotch tape to wrap Christmas presnts.

Frank, taken to the hospital proved since the accident, in serious condition, but imwas scheuled to be released today from Mercer Hospital, Trenton.

"I've just told Frank about his brother," said Mrs. Martin today. "He doesn't quite undersand what it means."

Mrs. Martin said she and her mother, Mrs. John Newmann, 1109 Ohio Ave., Morrisville, put up a tree and had a quiet Christmas after the tragedy. "Frank got many, many gifts," she said.

"I plan to pick up Frank today," she said, "and bring him home to all his toys and gifts."

Mrs. Martin said many friends, neighbors and complete strangers had offered the children gifts and food. Friends at the hospital gave Frankie toys, especially a Santa Claus he wanted.

Everyone Kind

"Everyone has been so kind," she said, "Even some people I never even knew before."

Mrs. Edna Cutchineal, recalled the tragedy that struck in her family 20 years ago. Her son by a former marriage, Peter Francis Cummings, then eight, was playing with three other boys on a deep ditch covered with ice behind the old Tullytown school.

"I'll always remember the date — Jan. 20, 1943," she said. The ice gave way and three boys scrambled to safety. But her son Peter was drowned.

Heroic Effort

Frank Malcom of Tullytown, who worked the night shift, jumped into the cold water in his pajamas and tried to save her son, she recalled, but it was too late.

"So I know the tragedy as only a mother can know," she said, "of how it is to lose a son like this. I just hope others will understand, wake up and assist Mrs. Martin."

"My son would have been 28 years old now," she said.

Contributions which are sent to Mrs. Dorothy Martin, c-o the Courier-Tims, Rt. 13, Levittown, will be turned over to her.

Yardley Man Trains With AF

Airman First Class William E. Haulman Jr. of Yardley has graduated from the Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory School, Loring AFB, Maine.

Airman Haulman received the speech award for his class for demonstrating the highest degree of skill in making speech presentations.

He was trained in management, leadership, security, human relations and other duties and responsibilities of Air Force noncommissioned officers.

The airman, a flight training equipment specialist, is assigned the 42nd Bombardment Wing.

Airman Haulman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Haulman of 105 N. Delaware Ave., Yardley. He is married to the former Barbara B. Frazer, daughter of Mrs. Blanche Barlow of Spring Lake Heights, Spring Lake, N.J.

He is a graduate of Pennsbury High School, and is a former student at Ricker College, Houlton, Me.

No Collection On New Year's

There will be no garbage collection in Morrisville on New Year's Day, Wednesday, it was announced today by Robert H. Steward, borough manager.

Garbage usually collected on Wednesdays will be picked up instead on Saturday, he said. The borough manager's office at 635 N. Delmorr Ave. will also be closed Wednesday.

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Play Carols For Cancer Drive

Instead of the usual carol singing, this group of boys from Pennsbury High School made the rounds on Christmas Eve and Night playing carols in an instrumental ensemble. What's more, they raised $73.76 by playing throughout Lower Makefield and plan to donate the sum to the American Cancer Society. All members of Pennsbury's concert band, they are (left to right) Les Williams, trombone; Ed Edney, trumpet; Burt Nordblom, tuba; Dave Parker, French horn; Skip Greene, trumpet, and Bob Williams, flute, all of Lower Makefield. (Courier-Times Photo)

In L. Makefield

Best Decorated Home Picked In River Glenn

The winners in the annual house decorating contest sponsored by the River Glenn Civic Association were announced today for the Lower Makefield Township section.

Charles Gardner, chairman of the committee, said the results of the judging Saturday shows that the winner for the best decorated house in overall lighting was the F. W. Strock Jr. home, 10 Ardsley Ave. He won first place and a cash award.

The second place winner in the same division was Vincent L. Mears, Glenolden Road.

Won 1st Place

The best decorated door prize went to the Hardon Foster home, Windover Road, and second place went to John Fill Jr., Black Rock Road.

All winners received cash awards. The judges, always selected from outsiders who do not live in the section, were George G. Gray, editor of the Courier-Times, and David Johnson, president of the Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce.

Gardner said that the contest had been held every year for "at least the past seven years, since I moved here." There are 100 homes in the section, some colonials and some ranchers. Leonard Caputi is association president.

Judges Decision

The judges based their decisions on originality of design and its appropriateness to the occasion, Gardner said.

The Strock home featured matching trees, in multi-colored lights, on each side of the walk, with miniature trees beside the door. Two tall candles were also at the front, and the house was lighted by flood light.

The Mears house featured all red lights, with "season's greetings" across the garage door of this ranch style house. The Foster and Fill homes featured "very simple, very conservatively decorated doors." The Foster home had a well-lighted wreath.

Gardner is the executive vice president of the Trenton Chamber of Commerce.

Pennsbury Girls To Aid Patients

About 30 students at Pennsbury High School will assist in sponsoring a birthday party for the patients at the F. W. Donnelly Hospital, Trenton, on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

The party will be sponsored by the Trenton Suburban Alumni Chapter of Sigma Kappa Sorority. Mrs. Thomas Wagner of Levittown is president.

The sttudents from Pennsbury are members of the Pennsbury Homemaking group, composed of Future Homemakers of America and other home economic students at the Lower Makefield school.

The party will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. About 225 patients will be treated at the hospital, and it's especially designed for patients who have birthdays in January.

Morrisville Yardley Makefield

Pope Asked To Call Meeting Of Churches

VATICAN CITY (UPI) —Pope Paul VI has been asked to call a meeting of all Christian churches to protect peace and freedom from "a common enemy, atheism and tyranny."

The proposal was made by Metropolitan Athenagoras of Thiakiron of the Eastern Orthodox Church in a meeting with Pope Paul on Saturday and was disclosed today with publication of his statement.

Noting that the late Pope John XXIII had called the Ecumenical Council for an updating of the Catholic Church, Athenagoras said:

"Perhaps Your Holiness, as the first bishop of the church, with the consent of the other church patriarchs and leaders of the east and west, is destined to call, in a pan-Christian conference, all the representatives of the Christian churches to discuss in love and conviction how to protect the church and the peace and freedom of the world, threatened by a common enemy, atheism and tyranny."

Athenagoras came to Rome to discuss the possiblity of a papal Holy Land meeting with the like-named leader of the Eastern Orthodox Church — Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople (Istanbul).

Vatican sources said today that it is almost certain the meeting will be held during Pope Paul's Holy Land pilgrimage Jan. 4-6.

In his speech to Pope Paul during their meeting on Saturday, Metropolitan Athenagoras said that by "climbing the same mountain" the Pontiff and the Eastern Orthodox patriach "may walk together," trying under the cross to reconstruct in Christian consolidarity the broken bridges and build the abandoned roads. . . ."

He added, "May the Lord help that this apostolic meeting be realized for the glory of the church and the encouragement of the faithful."

Pope Paul VI has expressed a desire to achieve unity with the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Opening Attended By Capacity Crowd

A capacity crowd attended the opening of the new Eric Theatre in the Fairless Hills Shopping Center, Oxford Valley Road (Levittown Parkway), near Route 1, on Christmas Day and watched the brief ceremony heralding the new playhouse.

Nine-year-old Eric Sharpiro cut the ribbon at the main entrance to the theatre lobby offically opening the Eric Theatre. The theatre is named for the youngster, son of Merton Shapiro, and grandson of Samuel Shapiro, officers of the Sameric Corporation, builder and operator of the playhouse.

Eric Shapiro then journeyed to the front of the auditorium and in a short speech, presented a gold key as a symbol of a lifetime pass to the Eric Theatre to George Galbreath, of the Danherst Corporation, with George Vine accepting for Galbreath, who was out of town.

(See picture, Page 24)

Milton Berkes, chairman of The Board of Supervisors of Falls Township, then presented an engraved gold watch to Edward Lawrence, general contractor, who built the theatre.

Attorney Michael Egnal, an officer of the Sameric Corporation, was toastmaster and directed the short presentation ceremony.

The capacity audience then settled back in their 1964 model American Bodi - Form theatre chairs, spaced in unprecedented 36-inch rows, and watched the first-run showing of the 20th Century-Fox comedy hit, "Move Over Darling," starring Doris Day, James Garner and Polly Bergen.

The Eric Theatre is the newest playhouse to be opened by the Sameric chain. This past summer the Sameric chain opened the Eric Theatre, Harrisburg, the King Theatre, King of Prussia, and will open the White Horse Pike Drive-In Theatre, nine miles outside Camden, early in 1964. Samuel Shapiro, head of the Sameric chain, is a vetern of 42 years as a motion picture exhibitor in this area.

Delaware Gov. Slated To Talk

Governor Elbert N. Carvel, of Delaware, will be the principal speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Greater Trenton Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 21 at the Hotel Stacy-Trent.

Governor Carvel's appearance will tie in with the chamber's year-long Colonial States Celebration, as well as the New Jersey Tercentenary.

2 Trainmen Still Fair After PRR Derailment

Two of four trainmen injured last Thursday when a PRR train derailed and plowed down the side of a snow-covered embankment near Titusville, N.J., today are in fair condition.

A spokesman at Mercer Hospital, Trenton, said that the two, Francis Jackson, 29, of Media, Pa., and Emmett Letts, 42, of Northeast, Md., are both in "fair" condition.

Near Titusville

They were admitted shortly after the 7:45 a.m. accident about one-half mile north of Titusville in which five cars and a caboose in which they rode jumped the tracks, tearing up 500 to 1,000 feet of track.

Jackson suffered a fracture of the spine, while Letts had a fractured left forearm and lacerations of the forehead, scalp, and a fractured spine.

Two other trainmen were treated and released. They are Donald Myers, 30, who had abrasions of the right hand, and Joseph Sewell, 33, both of Wilmington De., who had contusions of the left knee.

FBI Arrests Wrightstown Theft Suspect

The FBI today announced the arrest of James Franklin Carey, 37, wanted for several burglaries he allegedly committed in Wrightstown Township between June 1, 1963 and Sept. 23, 1963.

The announcement was made by F. A. Frohbose, special agent in charge of the FBI in Philadelphia.

Formerly of Rushland

Carey, formerly of Rushland, Pa., was taken into custody at Towanda, Pa. early yesterday by the FBI, assisted by Towanda police officers. He was wanted by the FBI on a warrant charging unlawful flight to avoid state prosecution for the burglaries.

The federal warrant was authorized by Assistant U.S. Attorney E. E. De Paul and issued by U.S. Commissioner Edward W. Furia.

After Carey's arrest, he was committed to Bradford County Jail at Towanda. He has been residing in the vicinity of Victor, N.Y.

On Parole

At the time of his arrest he was on parole, having been released from the state correctional institution at Graterford, Pa. on Oct. 19, 1961. Carey was formerly committed to prison March 1, 1954 by a Bradford County court for a term of from five to 40 years on charges of burglary and larceny.

He will be given a hearing today before the U.S. Commissioner at Scranton.

Cars Collide, No Injuries

Two cars collided Saturday on the Levittown Parkway without injury to the occupants.

The motorists were Eugene L. Finegar of Metuchen, N.J. and Betty Jane Flatt of River Road, Yardley.

The mishap occurred at 2:30.

COURTESY PAYS

CHICAGO (UPI) — Courtesy on the highways goes a long way toward reducing accidents, tesy is to be the first to dim ing another car at night. Also, remember to dim your lights

Neutral Zone In Cyprus

NICOSIA, Cyprus (UPI) — British Commonwealth Relations Secretary Duncan Sandys announced today both Greek and Turkish Cypriots have accepted his proposal for a neutral zone along the cease-fire line in Nicosia.

Disengagement in the zone started immediately and officials hoped it would be completed by this evening.

Sandys made the announcement after presiding over a 13-hour meeting of a political liaison committee representing all sides to which he put his proposals for halting bloodshed on the island. The meeting ended just before dawn.

A half-hour of sharp gunfire in Nicosia yesterday broke into the tense truce but there were no reports of casualties. Last week's battles and snipings on the island were estimated to have killed 200 persons.

Informed sources said attention was focused on Nicosia as the "heart of the problem."

The crisis centers on President Archbishop Makarios's plan to change the three-year-old constitution. The constitution, as it now stands, gives certain minority rights to the island's Turks—who make up only 20 per cent of the population here—and these Turks fear any change will wipe out these rights.

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